Woman's Exc. Comtte of Home-Missions of the Presbr Ch—
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Work in the Indian Terry.

Very earnest appeals come to us from ministers in or near the Indian Territory in regard to churches and schools needed there. Would that the letter itself received from a Cherokee woman could be circulated! A part of it only is here copied — "Oo-wa-la, Cherokee Nation.
Feb. 13th 1882

"×××× This neighborhood and Claremore are only a few miles apart. The vicinity of us are of Cherok descent. All in the immediate vicinity speak English only. Our people who speak Cherokee live several miles away. I am a Cherokee. ××× Our nearest approach to a church building is a log granary, roughly fitted up as a school-room. Every Sabbath it is filled to overflowing. We have a minister ready to preach to us regularly, but one can scarce find standing room. ××× The dear little ones join so heartily in the singing. Their bright faces glow when you tell them of the Wonderful Babe born to save sinners. The sweet eyes fill with tears when you tell them of the dear Saviour, wounded unto death. I have the Infant-Class, and oh! how I wish for better facilities.

There are many things I would like to tell you benevolent Christian Ladies, but I have not the power to express my feelings in fitting language. If you had lived among my people as I have, all of 36 yrs. you would join with all your heart to aid us in building up Christian Life. From the tone of many of our neighboring States, one would think we were a morose, stubborn people; but where light is given, no where is it more eagerly welcomed. Even our full-blood people, with all the past of wrong and oppression handed down in tradition, welcome the minister, and you see that "heart answers to heart" when they hear of the Redeemer who died for all.

My heart aches over my people — so many, many localities who can say "No man has cared for my soul." The old Presbr ministry, working under the A.B.C.F.M. did noble work before the war, but they have gone to their reward, and their flocks are scattered.

I wish to thank you — ×× and beg you to correct the impression that the Cherokees are averse to civilization. We simply wish to retain our nationality, and are grateful for every kind word. I feel sure that the Lord of the Harvest will bless abundantly any effort you may make to help "our remnant of a noble race" to find the Pearl of great price. Respy

M. E. Lipe."

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As I am expecting to be away from home for some time, I want to send you now some directions and advice about your journey to the Mission to which you may be appointed. Do not fail to write during my absence_ Miss A. A. Dyer will be at our Office (2 P.) and will be able no doubt to answer any inquiries_

The plan now is for the new teachers, accepted for work in Utah or Idaho_ to meet at Omaha_ Nebraska, or rather Council Bluffs just opposite in Iowa, on the east side of the Missouri River, on Thursday_ Sept. 6th inst_ in the morning of that day_ to go on from there about noon, I believe, in trains together to Ogden Utah_ and so on to Salt Lake city by Saturday eve. Sept. 8th_

Teachers for Idaho_ Bear Lake valley_ must change at Granger_

At Council Bluffs some friends from Omaha may come to the Depot_ Mrs. Geo. L. Little, Mrs. L. P. Nichols, or Mrs. Harland Baily_

We want you to take a sleeping-car, and to make yourself comfortable on the way_

Your trunk may weigh 150 lbs_

Your best plan as to articles you may like to have come by freight is to leave them until you can send for them if desired_ Perhaps you cannot tell until you arrive and have been in a place a few days, just what you want_ Sometimes a teacher finds a good boarding-house_ Sometimes it is more comfortable for her to take two rooms and keep house_ In the latter case you may wish to send for bedding etc_ if you have it_ A carpet can be bought in Utah as low rate (including freight) as at the East_ If you own a carpet, it is better to have it sent you_

We pay freight charges to the field as well as your travelling expenses_ subject to a rule given you on another paper_

About the 1st of August next_ write to Mr. O. D. Eaton 23 Centre St. New-York saying you are under appointment for Mission work in Utah or Idaho as the case may be_ and that, at my request, you ask for permits to buy rail-road tickets at half rates_ Also for money for your travelling expenses. We also desire that you should have $50_ in hand on arrival at your Station_ Please mention this

in your note to Mr. Eaton -

Please keep a very careful account of your expenses on the way - and send the list, with items mentioned, to Mr. O. L. Eaton, at your convenience, soon after you reach your new home -

The balance of money you will have left on hand will be credited by him on your salary - It is more convenient to him to deduct it all from what will be due you on your first quarter - but in case of need, you can ask him to divide the sum between your first and second quarter - We do not want you to be obliged to borrow money from Missionaries, nor from any one else - Also it is important that you pay your board, and other bills promptly -

You will probably be sent to
There may be a change made, even after your arrival in Utah - or Idaho - Sometimes we ask those respective Presbyteries to decide as to the location of the new teachers, and at all times we receive their suggestions as to this and other matters - with very respectful consideration -

I shall want to hear from you freely and confidentially - Do not be afraid to ask any questions you like - and we always like to know exactly how you are situated -

Please keep Miss Dyer informed this summer, in case of any change of address - so that she may know always where to write to you -

~~And now may God and keep you, and prepare you still more fully for His Service~~ - You will continue to pray, I trust that He will guide in every decision regarding you, and in the truly great work to His glory, in which we hope you may soon have a part -

Your friend very sincerely and affectly
H. O. H. Haines Sec -

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